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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BARRY F. WILLMAN, :  
: .  
: Plaintiff. : 07 CV 3382 (HB)  
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: v. :  
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LAZARD FRERES & CO. AND :  
LAZARD CAPITAL MARKETS, :  
: .  
: Defendants. :  
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**RULE 7.1 STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to enable District Judges and Magistrate Judges of this Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, undersigned counsel for Defendants Lazard Frères & Co. and Lazard Capital Markets LLC certifies the following: LFCM Holdings Inc. is the parent corporation of Defendant Lazard Capital Markets LLC; and Defendant Lazard Frères & Co. LLC is wholly-owned by Lazard Group LLC, which is in turn wholly owned by Lazard Ltd.

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